

# Media Release

## Clariant unveils new dedicated Active Ingredients Unit for Personal Care

- **Clariant start-up will support specialized market segment needs**
- **Headquarters & laboratories in Toulouse, France**
- **Focus on nature-inspired active ingredients**

Muttenz, February 23, 2017 – Clariant, a world leader in specialty chemicals, announces the formation of a new Active Ingredients Unit to provide dedicated, expert support for the highly-specialized needs of the Personal Care industry.

Clariant's entry into the world of active ingredients expands its classical portfolio of specialty formulation ingredients for skin care, hair care and body care applications.

Clariant Active Ingredients opened its new facilities on the Sanofi BioParc in Toulouse, France on January 1, 2017. The location is home to a dedicated team with vast experience in the field of active ingredients, with further global expansion planned for 2017. Toulouse was chosen in particular because of the area's active focus on biotechnology and proximity to potential development partners and players in the cosmetics industry.

The team's priorities will be to extend Clariant's existing portfolio of naturally-sourced products from BioSpectrum and Beraca with the future development of novel nature-inspired active ingredients. It has at its disposal pharmaceutical industry-standard laboratories for skin biology studies and testing, and biochemical laboratories where the focus will be on synthesizing unique outperforming molecules for unmet consumers' needs.

Ernesto Horikoshi, Global Head of Active Ingredients, comments: "We are committed to making our company a top player in the field of Active Ingredients. Clariant already possesses key elements vital to supporting this market, such as trusted partnerships with key players in this industry, unique access to natural cosmetic ingredients and strong experience in formulating products for personal care. The newly established expert team and state-of-the-art facilities add the vital missing ingredients to steer this business successfully."

Christian Vang, Global Head of Business Unit Industrial & Consumer Specialties (BU ICS) at Clariant, adds: "With the Active Ingredients Unit, Clariant now has a flexible start-up capable of rapidly launching active ingredient innovations to meet the highly-specialized product development needs of Personal Care brands, formulators and end consumers. It represents a further proactive step in our on-going commitment to the advancement of this industry and to connecting our global footprint to local needs".



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Clariant is a globally leading specialty chemicals company, based in Muttenz near Basel/Switzerland. On 31 December 2016 the company employed a total workforce of 17 442. In the financial year 2016, Clariant recorded sales of CHF 5.847 billion for its continuing businesses. The company reports in four business areas: Care Chemicals, Catalysis, Natural Resources, and Plastics & Coatings. Clariant's corporate strategy is based on five pillars: focus on innovation through R&D, add value with sustainability, reposition portfolio, intensify growth, and increase profitability.

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